

House Resolution No. 822

Whereas, George J. Hempen, an esteemed resident of Joplin, Missouri, is to be commended for his seventeen years of exceptional service and dedication as a member of the Joplin Special Road District; and

Whereas, George Hempen was appointed to the Joplin Special Road District on February 17, 1986, since which time he has fulfilled the duties and responsibilities of his office with the utmost urgency and professionalism; and

Whereas, a member of the Joplin City Council for six years, George Hempen has compiled an enviable list of achievement through his affiliation with the Elks Lodge and the Knights of Columbus, of which he is a 4th Degree Knight and lifetime member; and

Whereas, George Hempen moved to Joplin from St. Louis in 1949 and bought Stokes Potato Chips, which he renamed H & W Potato Chips, before purchasing Redings Mill salads in the 1960s, which he sold upon his retirement in 1978; and

Whereas, George Hempen is an invaluable member of the Joplin community who has sponsored several activities for local youth, including softball games and bowling, and provided chips for the local weekly television show "Teen Hop"; and

Whereas, George Hempen has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Adele; his two sons, Thomas and Kenneth; his daughter-in-law, Lynn; and his four grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to George Hempen for his seventeen years of unparalleled service to the Joplin Special Road District and to the citizenry of Joplin, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for George J. Hempen.

Offered by _____

Representative Bryan P. Stevenson
District No. 128

Representative Ron Richard
District No. 129

Representative Marilyn Ruestman
District No. 131

Representative Steve Hunter
District No. 127

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 822, adopted March 12, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker